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FM AMEMBASSY BANGUI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6655

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FOR AF/C - AMBASSADOR QUANTON

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PDIP, SGEN, CT

SUBJECT: PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS IN BANGUI

REF: STATE 024938

1. APOLOGIZE FOR OVERSIGHT IN REPLYING PARA TWO STATE 024938.
 2. IT IS NOT CUSTOMARY FOR AMBASSADOR TO INVITE RDO/YAOUNDE AND MILITARY ATTACHE/CHAD TO PRESENTATION CEREMONY. WHILE IT WOULD NOT BE INAPPROPRIATE RECOMMEND AGAINST DOING SO ON BASIS OF FOLLOWING CONSIDERATIONS.
 3. THEIR PRESENCE LIKELY SERVE TO EMPHASIZE THAT THESE AGENCIES DO NOT HAVE RESIDENT REPRESENTATION HERE THEREBY UNDERSCORING LOW PRIORITY AID AND DOD ASSIGN TO THE CAR, A SORE POINT WITH BOKASSA AND GOCAR. REVERSE OF COIN IS THAT THEIR PARTICIPATION WOULD INCREASE POSSIBILITY THAT BOKASSA WILL USE OCCASION TO PRESS FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE AND A PROGRAM OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE AS HE DID QUITE OPENLY WHEN TAIWAN AMBASSADOR WAS ACCREDITED. FINALLY, THERE IS SIMPLE LOGISTICAL PROBLEM INVOLVED. WHILE WE THINK YOU WILL BE ABLE PRESENT CREDENTIALS WITHIN SEVERAL DAYS AFTER YOUR ARRIVAL AND I STRESSED THIS POINT IN CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT BOKASSA FEBRUARY 6, PAPAL NUNCIE HAS BEEN WAITING FOR ACCREDITATION CEREMONY FOR MORE THAN THREE WEEKS WITHOUT SUCCESS. DO NOT BELIEVE WE WILL WANT TO RISK
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TYING UP RDO/Y AND DATT FOR SUCH LONG PERIOD OF TIME.

4. IF YOU AGREE THEREFORE RECOMMEND RDO AND DATT NOT BE
INVITED AND INSTEAD THAT WE SEEK GOCAR APPROVAL FOR
ENTIRE RESIDENT EMBASSY STAFF, INCLUDING PC DIRECTOR,
AND THEIR SPOUSES, TO BE PRESENT.
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